



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



News Release

Cooperating with Texas Department of Agriculture

Texas Field Office · Post Office Box 70 · Austin, Texas 78767 800-626-3142 www.nass.usda.gov/tx

Issue No: PR-114-11, February 25, 2011

Contact: Chris Lindborg or Quentin Hart

TEXAS HONEY PRODUCTION UP 28 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

Texas beekeepers produced 7.2 million pounds of honey during 2010, up 28 percent from 2009. According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the total value of Texas honey production was \$11 million, up 41 percent from the previous year. Producers received an average of 153 cents per pound for honey, up 14 cents from 2009.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at 100, was up 12 percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 72 pounds, compared with 63 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. During 2010 there were 2.68 million colonies producing honey, up 7 percent from 2009. Production per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, compared with 58.6 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States honey production was \$282 million, a 31 percent increase from 2009. The average value was 160.3 cents per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2010 with 70.1 million pounds. California came in second with 42.9 million pounds followed by South Dakota with 24.1 million pounds and Florida with 21.7 million pounds. Texas ranked seventh in honey production.

Link to the US report: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Hone//2010s/2011/Hone-02-25-2011_new_format.pdf

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp